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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 9, 2016

DATE: January 22, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Al Rogers, Management Services Director
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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to appoint a County Commissioner as liaison to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees with no term and to appoint a Commissioner to the vacant seat on the Washoe Storey Conservation District for a two year term. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

This item requests that the Board of County Commissioners appoint a County Commissioner as liaison to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees with no term and to appoint a Commissioner to the vacant seat on the Washoe Storey Conservation District Board for a two year term. (All Districts)

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership.

PREVIOUS ACTION

December 11, 2012 – Board appointed Jim Shaffer to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District, with a term to expire on June 30, 2014.

January 8, 2015 – Appointed Commissioner Jung as liaison to Washoe County Library Board of Trustees for a one-year term.

AGENDA ITEM # 11

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Library Board of Trustees (Liaison)

The liaison to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees was not appointed as part of the boards and commissions appointments item on January 12, 2016.

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District is governed by a seven member Board of Supervisors, being a combination of elected and appointed citizens who make District policy and oversee the decisions and activities of the District. It is beneficial for board members to understand the land management systems and conservation treatment techniques and to support the mission and goals of state and national natural resources conservation partnerships.

The mission of the Washoe-Storey Conservation District is to create an understanding of the interrelationships between people and the environment through educating citizens and building opportunities and partnerships so as to foster conservation and restoration efforts on all lands and to aid urban growth in an environmentally responsible manner.

The District goals are to:

- Maintain a healthy, viable conservation district organization.
- Restore and enhance natural resources.
 - Implement conservation practices emphasizing water quantity and quality, fish and wildlife habitat, stream and wetland restoration, rangeland management and flood control and others.
- Identify, map and control noxious weeds
- Encourage and assist in environmentally responsible urban land use.
- Assist in the development of recreation opportunities.
- Emphasize fire fuel reduction in urban-rural interface lands.
 - Work with elected officials and others to attain the Conservation District goals.

Mr. Jim Shaffer's term on the Washoe-Storey Conservation District expired on June 30, 2014 and he has expressed a desire to remain involved with the District as the alternate if supported by the Commissioner appointee.

Nevada Revised Statutes Sections (NRS) 548.283(3) and (4) indicate that the County Commission "shall appoint a representative to represent the governing body as a supervisor on the governing board of the district." In sub-section 4 of NRS 548.283 it states that "after the appointment occurs, the representative shall designate an alternate to replace the representative in the representative's absence from meetings of the supervisors of the district. The County's representative, be it the actual or the alternate, is a full member of the Board with voting rights and affecting the Board's quorum requirement numbers, and therefore needs to be able to attend their meetings on a regular basis. This appointed position, under NRS 548.290(1), serves a two year term.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint a County Commissioner as liaison to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees with no term and to appoint a Commissioner to the vacant seat on the Washoe Storey Conservation District for a two year term.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree a possible motion would be: "Appoint a County Commissioner as liaison to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees with no term and to appoint a Commissioner to the vacant seat on the Washoe Storey Conservation District for a two year term.